

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 and 27-29 are pending in the application. All claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Wilska in view of Takahara.

The cited references have been discussed in prior replies, and those comments are incorporated here. It is believed, however, that the Office has misunderstood the recent claim amendments.

As claimed, the docking system can interface with any of a plurality of wireless handheld telephones as determined by the telephone's external interface. The issue appears to be in the definition of a "telephone."

The claimed telephones require a microphone, a speaker, and transceiver circuitry with a communication interface, all of which must be within a telephone housing, as would be understood by those of ordinary skill in the art. To further clarify the claims, they have been amended to recite that the telephone is "separately operable." That is, the telephone does not require the docking system to operate as a telephone.

In contrast, Wilska uses a radio unit or module that can be either internal or connected with an industry standard PCMCIA interface. Those radio modules are not telephones, as required by the claims.

The PCMCIA radio module of Wilska is not disclosed as having a microphone, a speaker, or transceiver circuitry. Indeed, Wilska expressly discusses a speaker (19), microphone (20), and phone controller (8) as being separate from both the internal phone unit (17) and the PCMCIA radio module. Nor can the radio unit or module operate separately from the device of Wilska.

In other words, Wilska does not disclose or suggest a wireless telephone that couples to a docking system. A telephone, as claimed and understood by those of ordinary skill in the art, is separately operable as a telephone, which requires more than just a radio unit or module.


Reconsideration of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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